

Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Project,
Garage
On Road to Powerhouse
Town of Thompson Falls
Sanders County
Montana

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- Location: On the road to the Powerhouse and across the forebay channel from the Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow (HAER No. MT-90-A) in the town of Thompson Falls, Sanders County, Montana.
- Significance: The garage contributes to the significance of the Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Dam Project, Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow. It represents vernacular outbuildings built for practical uses, without concern for architectural style. Such outbuildings were common in residential areas.
- Description: The wood-frame garage measures 18'-4" x 20'-1" and has a low 2'-2" wide addition along the full length of the east side. The building has a hipped roof covered with corrugated steel roofing; the rafter tails are exposed. The building rests on a concrete slab and is sided with drop siding. Two pair of outward-swinging doors occupy the entire west side. The doors are constructed of drop siding and framed with surface-mounted boards. Surface-mounted boards placed in an "X" pattern are also located in the lower half of each door. A single eight-over-eight wood double-hung window is centered in the north and south walls.
- History: No historical information is currently available documenting construction of the garage, but it appears to date from the early 1920s. The building was apparently used as a garage sometime during the years the Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow was occupied, 1916 until the early 1980s. The garage continues to be used for vehicles by The Montana Power Company. For a historic context, see HAER No. MT-90-A, Thompson Falls Hydroelectric Project, Powerhouse Foreman's Bungalow.
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